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The Church and Field.

There is a great work to do for the Master during the coming winter if we will do it.

Bro. Mason is now at home and wrestling with the many duties demanding attention.

Send in the church news. Any item of general interest regarding the work is very acceptable.

The Evangelist Hymn Book will be out next week. Unexpected work has delayed it a few days.

The Brethren at Covington expect to commence a protracted meeting on the 22nd instant. Bro. J. H. Swihart is expected to assist brother E. S. Miller in the work.

Bro. Mallott's sermon on baptism is a neat tract of thirty-one pages, and presents some very good Scriptural doctrine and historical testimony in favor of trine immersion, and in favor of bowing forward in the act of baptism. It is mailed to any address on receipt of ten cents.

Sister Emma Stauffer, of Kenilworth, Pa., writes: Our Sunday school picnic will be on the 12th; and expect to have a good time, good speaking, recitations, readings, etc.; then a nice dinner, followed by go-as-you-please the remainder of the day. There is a call for Bro. Brown to visit this place when he is in Pennsylvania.

Bro. R. Z. Replogle now uses small hand bills to advertise his meetings in the locality where he holds forth. That is right. There is something in Christianity that is valuable to all, so let the people know it when you are about to preach Christ. Especially are such bills necessary in cities where people expect to find things out through the use of printer's ink.

The EVANGELIST will be sent from the first of October to the end of the year for twenty-five cents. Please remember this, brethren, roll up a large list of trial subscribers. Our circulation ought to be increased considerably in order that we may not have to sacrifice so much to keep going. We have asked for no pledges this year and no donations, although many from the abundance of their benevolence, have favored us greatly. Can we have a large list of trial subscribers by the 1st of October?

SIDNEY, IND., Sept. 1.—Bro. John Nicholson will commence a series of meetings at this place on the 14th of November, next. Sidney is situated between North Manchester and Milford.
DANIEL MILLER.

BEAR CREEK, Aug. 24.—The quarterly business meeting of the 22nd, came off with apparent satisfaction to all. On the the Lord's Day following, one more precious soul obeyed Christ by going with us down into the water for baptism.
E. S. MILLER.

DAYTON, OHIO, Sept. 1.—On Sunday, Aug. 30th, at 10:30 A. M., brother E. S. Miller preached for the Brethren in the city, "not with enticing words of man's

wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power."

His text was 1 Cor. 3, 21; 23. The sermon was interesting, and the members whose hearts were full of the love of truth as they listened to those burning words spoken by the messenger of God received a reward of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, which bore witness that they are Christ's and Christ is God's. Whosoever will, let him come and preach the Gospel. How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things.

S. KIEHL.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., Sept. 4.—The Fall campaign has opened in the Johnstown congregation by a series of meetings by your unworthy servant assisted by home ministers. in the seventh ward of Johnstown, in the building in which the Union S. S. was opened last Spring. Good attendance so far, though we have considerable opposition. But then, opposition generally works for good to the cause of Christ, if we can only have united work inside; which I pray God we may have.

We began on Tuesday evening, Sept. 1st, and will continue as interest and success may warrant though we are somewhat limited, as I am under engagement for Sept. 15th, by the Summit Mills congregation. But we will by the help of God make a vigorous effort this Fall, as we have the services of Bro. McFaden under promise for Sept. 26th, to continue over our lovefeast on Oct. 4th, to which we invite all who desire to be with us. I close by soliciting the prayers in behalf of the efforts as well as any other good work.

R. Z. REPLOGLE.

Coals of Fire or Lumps of Ice.

Every church member is a coal of fire or a lump of ice. They warm every heart they come in contact with, or they freeze them. Do you remember Bro.—? He had a smile, handshake, or word of encouragement for every one he met; sometimes he had all three for the same person. Ah! he was a coal of fire from God's own altar. Do you remember Bro.—never mind his name? He went around with a sour look, and a fault-finding tongue, freezing every one he met; he was a lump of ice.

You find such persons in almost every church; coals of fire or lumps of ice, attractive or repulsive, encouraging or discouraging, building up or pulling down, warming hearts or freezing them. Every church-member is a coal of fire or a lump of ice. Reader which are you?

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

Into all the World.

David Livingston used to say that the day would come when men of wealth would take more pleasure, and consider it more honor to support whole stations of missionaries than in spending it on "hounds and horse." Was he visionary, or had he simply the open vision of those whom God makes seers? The preaching of the gospel in all the world in twenty years is as feasible as the Suez Canal or the Mt.

Cenis Tunnel. There are six hundred millions of the unevangelized to the one hundred millions of Protestants. If every one of the latter could be depended upon to reach six new souls with the gospel in twenty years, the work would be done. But say that ten millions, or one in ten only, shall be found to undertake it. It would need merely that each shall in some way bring the gospel into contact with three souls each year. Of course both men and means must be multiplied. We must have ten thousand more missionaries; but that would be but one in every thousand of the ten millions, and five dollars from each would furnish fifty millions annually for the work! —SELECTED.

The Jews.

The Liverpool Daily Post pays its respects to the Jews in the following forcible language

"Other peoples have been destroyed and absorbed by newer and stronger nations, others have lost vitality and strength in the process of the suns, but the Jews to-day are as numerous, as active, and as powerful in their influence upon the world's affairs as they were when Solomon in all his glory raised the temple upon the hill of Zion, and, above all, scattered though they may be, they are as distinct a people. In language, creed, customs and methods of thought, and in physical characteristics, they are like none of the races who surround them."

"The Jew remembers that for Palestine his father fought, that there amid a deluge of dark and cruel superstition they kept burning the brightest light of pure and noble faith, which the old world knew. Every foot of it is hallowed to him by exquisite inspiring traditions. The sweetest singers of mankind lived and died there, prophets, teachers, whose words are still a comfort to the whole civilized world. Great rulers were born in it, whose codes and maxims are the foundation of all modern social order; and high-souled heroes lived in it, the thrill of whose deeds still vibrates upon the earth. Who can wonder that the eyes of the Jews have always, turned and still turn, towards Jerusalem? Many of the best of them ardently cherish the beautiful tradition which speaks of the restoration of the scepter of David."—Ex.

From The Gospel Messenger.

Brethren W. A. Maust and S. N. McCann have been holding a series of meetings near Martinsburg, W. Va.

Bro. W. J. Swigart reports a very pleasant visit among the Brethren of Somerset, Fayette and other western counties of the State of Pennsylvania.

As fall approaches we are more and more impressed with the fact that time is passing, and we are nearing the close of life's labors.

One who has nearly reached his three score and ten years, was added to the East Nimishillen church, Ohio, on the fifteenth ult.

Reports of series of meetings are coming in, showing that even before the month of August closed, our Brethren were at work caring for the Lord's harvest.

Bro. William Beery, who has for some years taught vocal music very successfully in the Normal School at Huntingdon, Pa., has been spending the summer in Chicago.

The *Bruederbote*, our German paper, is published by Bro. J. M. Snyder at Grundy Centre, Iowa. It is published monthly, but Bro. Snyder proposes to publish it semi monthly, provided he can secure a sufficient number of subscribers to justify him in incurring the extra expense. The Missionary Committee are sending a number of copies of the *Bruederbote* to Germany and our Brethren should assist in circulating the paper among the German population of this country. Subscription price of the paper is \$1.00 per year.

Quite a number of harvest meetings have been held in some parts of the Brotherhood. In other parts they are not held, neither is the character of them understood. They are looked upon as a kind of innovation upon our generally established principles. This is a mistake, as they are of long standing, and in form do not differ from our common services. The only difference is in the character of the meeting. On these occasions the hymns used, the prayers made, and the subject selected have special reference to thanksgiving service, and while thanksgiving should be made at all times, it is meet a special time should be set apart in which humble acknowledgements should be made to our beneficent Father for the manifold blessings which He has bestowed upon us.

Only Try.

Reader there are many difficulties in a man's way if he takes up real serious religion. I know that well. But do not let these difficulties stop you. Only try.

There are difficulties but God will give you grace to overcome them. God is not a hard Master. He will not, like Pharaoh, ask you to make a brick, and find you no straw. He never laid on man commands which he would not give man power to perform. Only try.

Reader try to serve Christ. Resist the devil when he says it is impossible. Try and Jesus will help you. He loves to meet those who strive to come to him, and he will meet you and give you the power that you feel you need. Be like the man that Bunyan's pilgrim saw in the interpreter's house; go forward boldly, saying, "Set down my name." Those words of the Lord are true, though often repeated by heartless and unfeeling tongues: "Seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you." Matt. 7: 7. Difficulties which seem like mountains shall melt away like snow in spring. Obstacles that seem like giants in the mist of distance, shall dwindle into nothing when you fairly face them. The lion in the way which you fear shall prove to be chained. If men believed the promises more they would not be afraid of duties. But remember that little word I press upon you, and when Satan says, "You cannot be a Christian," answer him, "Get thee behind me, Satan; by God's help I will try."

Depend upon it, with the help of God, nothing is impossible. Where there is a will there will

always be a way. Take down your Bible and begin to read it. Seek God in prayer, and be earnest about it. But try.—SEED CORN.

To be content is not to be satisfied. No one ought to be satisfied with the imperfect. It is God's will we should bear, and contentedly, because in hope for the redemption of the body.

Fallen Asleep.

Bro. Jonathan Landis, one of God's dear children, fell asleep in Jesus, near Salem Church, Augusta county, Virginia, August 28th, 1885.

He was a consistent member of the Brethren Church for a number of years. His age was sixty-seven years, eleven months and five days. He leaves a wife and nine children to mourn the loss. He will be greatly missed by his family. He was much respected by those who knew him, and friends turned out in a large funeral procession to pay the last respects to the dead. Services by elder Jacob Spitzer, and the writer.

JOS. BOWMAN.

In Memory of Sister Jane Rinehart.

On the evening of the 1st inst., I arrived home from several days of pastoral visiting among the Bear Creek brethren, and a letter was handed to me bearing the sad intelligence of Sister Rinehart's departure to the bright home of eternal blessedness, following her husband, brother and elder David Rinehart, but a few years after his demise. Knowing mother Rinehart as long as I did, it would be an act of ungratefulness on my part were I not to pay this deserved tribute to her memory.

Another aged mother in Israel—a faithful devoted, zealous and happy Christian lady—an exemplary member of the Brethren Church in Christ, is gone to the home her spirit longed to reach. Sons and daughters of a pious Christian mother, you cannot mourn as those who have no hope. She has gone from your homes in New Jersey, Delaware and Virginia, to the grand eternal home prepared, furnished beautified and honored by the ever-radiant presence of our dear Savior whom she so ardently loved and honored by an exemplary Christian life—passed over to reunite with the blessed kindred spirits gone before. She always had a kind word for every one, and actuated by a generous heart would be ready so far as providence blessed her, with substantial aid for the needy. Of a happy, cheerful disposition of mind, she had the blessed faculty when adversity would come to discover the silver lining around the dark, overhanging cloud, and hope, patiently waiting for the calm and brightness beyond. Her eye of faith was always quick in catching a glimpse of the bow of promise in God's Word when trials came. The many words of cheer she gave in trying times will long be remembered and cherished by those who knew her best. I remember well in the last interview a little over a year ago, at sister Snader's, her daughter's house, she said to me, When I die, I want you to preach my funeral; but neither of us thought then that so many hundred miles would so soon intervene and make it almost impossible for me to do so.

Thus one by one like autumn leaves falling, we are passing over the river, and none of us know just when and how soon death will undo the knot that binds us to earth and let the ransomed spirit take its homeward flight to the blissful realms of immortality. "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

E. S. MILLER.

Dayton, Ohio.